

**City of Wimberley**  
City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council**  
August 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Mac McCullough.

Mayor McCullough gave the Invocation and Councilmembers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Mac McCullough, Councilmembers Bob Dussler, Craig Fore, Sally Trapp, Gary Barchfeld, and John White.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson & City Secretary Cara McPartland

### **Citizens Communications**

Rocky Springs resident Craig Reitz spoke of Wimberley's rare small-town qualities cherished by those who think this is the perfect place to live. He said that those who own vacation rentals think of Wimberley as a cash register and favor keeping Wimberley a good place to visit. He stated vacation rental owners have learned it is easy to break into our neighborhoods and turn them into cash cows. Mr. Reitz stated it is a false premise that Wimberley needs vacation rental homes to provide sales tax dollars and said the bulk of sales tax dollars comes from Wimberley residents who shop daily at all of our businesses. He felt previous Councils have not developed a plan to sustain prosperity without destroying what makes Wimberley a special place. He spoke of demographics and growth patterns of surrounding areas that show Wimberley to be an easily accessible destination for visitors as a small, iconic Texas town. Mr. Reitz said it is not "heads in beds" that produces sales tax dollars - it is "cars in lots." He felt the spread of vacation rental properties is destroying our neighborhoods. He said vacation rental properties could be homes for families, but they are expensive because of their rental values. He feared continuing this course could destroy Wimberley's sense of community and asked Council to stop granting vacation rental Conditional Use Permit (CUP) applications and start a program of cancelling any CUPs that were granted over the objection of the neighboring property owners.

#### **1. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 4, 2016
- B. Approval of the July 2016 Financial Statements for the City of Wimberley
- C. Approval of the appointment of Jennifer Marino to the City of Wimberley Ethics Commission

Councilmember White moved to approve all Consent Agenda items, as presented. Councilmember Barchfeld seconded. Motion carried on a vote 5-0.

#### **2. City Administrator Report**

- Status report on the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project including but not limited to design, easements and project management

City Administrator Ferguson reported that responses to the City's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for wastewater impact fee studies are due on August 26, 2016. He advised that responses to the City's RFQ for project management are due on September 8, 2016. He noted there is a final easement acquisition meeting scheduled for next week and anticipated a 1-2 week delay in submittal of the City's system design plan to TCEQ. He stated the City's EDA grant application is still under review.

- Status report on the Downtown Restroom Trailer Project

City Administrator Ferguson reported that the smaller restroom trailer is now open every day from 8 a.m. to dusk and is being maintained by Park staff, with some assistance from the trailer owner. He noted the City will be entering into a utilities service agreement with the resident adjacent to the trailer who is providing electrical/water service to the trailer. He anticipated launch of the advertising program for the trailers in the coming fiscal year.

In addition, City Administrator Ferguson reported sales tax collections remain very strong, with the August check, representing June collections, totaling \$96,506, which is probably the second or third largest sales tax check received in the City's history, up 3 percent (3%) from the same period last year, and running well ahead of budget.

- Status report on operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park

City Administrator Ferguson reported on recent rain-related closures, attendance statistics (25,000 visitors during the current season), capacity crowds, and the reduced admission price program on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for local residents. He advised the maintenance building project has been delayed until 2017. Minimal damage to the Park was noted, due to recent rains.

- Status report on the La Buena Vista Drive Improvement Project

No report was given on this item.

- Status report on 2015 Flood Recovery

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to spend emergency relief funds, which were intended to provide for the City's matching requirement related to the curbside debris collection program. He advised that Hays County may need more time to finalize issuance of an invoice for the City's portion (if any) and said it may be necessary to carry over our allocation for another 60-90 days. He reported on \$10,000,000 in federal funding received by Hays County and specific uses for such funds, including housing assistance such as elevation/buy-out/flood mitigation programs. City Administrator Ferguson reported that design for the Hidden Valley Low Water Crossing Reconstruction is complete and provided the timeframe for bidding and construction of the project. He anticipated a public release of

FEMA's proposed flood maps within the next ninety (90) days and noted there will be a response period for challenge or appeal of FEMA's determinations.

### 3. Presentation

Presentation from the City of Wimberley Transportation Advisory Board regarding a proposed wayfinding signage program. (*Bert Ray, Transportation Advisory Board*)

Mayor McCullough advised this item will be continued until Council's next regular meeting,

### 4. Public Hearings and Consider Action

- A. Hold a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance approving an application for a Conditional Use Permit submitted by Wayne McQuaid to operate a vacation rental facility on property located at 207 Little Ranches Road, Wimberley, Hays County, Texas, zoned Residential Acreage (RA), and imposing certain conditions; and providing for findings of fact; amendment of the zoning district map; repealer; severability; effective date; proper notice and meeting; and providing for certain conditions. (*Wayne McQuaid, Applicant*)

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the subject property's location, current/proposed zoning and uses, and existing residential structure. Based on a review of the properly functioning and permitted septic system, City staff recommended a maximum occupancy of three (3) people. City Administrator Ferguson read a list of conditions to be included in the CUP, if approved, and noted that two written responses in support, one verbal inquiry seeking information, and one verbal response in opposition of the CUP request have been received. He advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended approval of the CUP at its August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Applicant Wayne McQuaid acknowledged that vacation rentals have caused a hotbed of issues for the last few months, but also believed in personal property rights. He felt that his property represents the perfect scenario for a vacation rental, which contains an 832-square foot cabin on a fully-fenced 10-acre tract, with a wonderful view, plenty of on-site parking, and an electric gate. He noted that of the nine (9) notified property owners, all but three (3) are already operating vacation rentals or are duplexes. Mr. McQuaid stated that he and his wife, a local school teacher, both work here and are long-time residents. He pointed out the location of the cabin on the subject property and said the rentals would be professionally managed by his friend, Aaron Scott of SkyRun Vacation Rentals. He spoke on video surveillance and security measures that will be installed on the property to monitor rental activity and traffic. He noted that the cabin is very private and is located approximately 900 feet from Little Ranches Road.

Mayor McCullough opened the public hearing.

Kenneth Belote of 400 Little Ranches spoke of his long ownership history and conveyed his disapproval of the proposed vacation rental. He expressed concerns regarding noise, litter, and traffic and said he has had to call law enforcement in the past due to noise from vacation rentals.

He said renters could be nice or could be hoodlums and felt that rules and security cameras do not stop anything from happening, but do help you catch “whoever did it.” He also expressed concerns regarding trespassing and vandalism by renters. He asked Council members if they would buy a house next to a motel and did not want his property values to go down. Mr. Belote said he would like to keep the neighborhood as residential and opposed the CUP request.

Scott Teuton of SkyRun Vacation Rentals spoke of his company’s proposed management of the subject property, including nearby local employees, who live on Little Ranches Road and would be able to promptly respond, if needed. He said his company would be the primary contact in the event of issues and stated his belief in personal property rights.

Applicant Wayne McQuaid distributed a handout to Council showing the locations of neighboring properties and existing vacation rental operations.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor McCullough closed the public hearing.

Discussion addressed use of the subject property as a vacation rental versus a bed and breakfast, septic system capacity limiting maximum occupancy to three (3) people, possible additional CUP condition to mandate that advertising for the vacation rental reflect three (3) people as the maximum occupancy, number of existing area vacation rentals, and historically minimal amount of criminal activity associated with renters. Councilmember Dussler cited a list of reasons stating why he does not favor establishing businesses in residential neighborhoods.

Councilmember Barchfeld moved to approve the ordinance, as presented, with the additional condition that the vacation rental shall not be marketed or advertised for a maximum occupancy of more than three (3) people. Councilmember Trapp seconded. Mayor McCullough called for a vote as follows: Councilmember Dussler, nay; Councilmember Fore, aye; Councilmember Trapp, aye; Councilmember Barchfeld, aye; and Councilmember White, aye. Motion carried on a vote of 4-1.

- B. Hold a public hearing and consider approval of the first reading of a proposed ordinance amending Title XV (Land Usage), Chapter 155 (Zoning), Subchapters 155.105 (Conditional Uses) and 155.077 (Development Plan Review), Section (E) (Approval Process), Subsection (3) (Effect of Development Plan Approval) of the City of Wimberley Code of Ordinances to provide an expiration date for unused conditional Use Permits; and including the following: findings of fact; savings; severability; repealer; effective date; and proper notice and meeting. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson explained the proposed ordinance establishing a “sunset” review for all future CUPs, which would be reviewed two (2) years after they are granted to see if progress has been made toward completion of the project described in the CUP. He noted that on August 11<sup>th</sup> the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and voted unanimously to recommend approval.

Mayor McCullough opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor McCullough closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Trapp moved to approve the ordinance on first reading, as presented. Councilmember Barchfeld seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

## 5. Ordinance

Consider approval of an ordinance amending Title IX (General Regulations) Chapter 98 (Keeping of Chickens) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Wimberley to modify lot size and zoning requirements regarding the keeping of chickens; providing findings of fact, a repealing clause, savings and severability clause, and effective date. *(Place Three Councilmember Sally Trapp)*

Per prior Council discussion, Councilmember Trapp felt the 2-acre minimum lot size requirement was restrictive and favored removal of the reference to “single family” in §98.02(A). Councilmembers Fore and Barchfeld felt it appropriate to state a limit on the number of chickens allowed. Councilmember Trapp felt the limit on number of chickens should be related to the property’s acreage. Councilmember Fore recommended a limit of twelve (12) chickens per half-acre. Discussion addressed enforcement issues, potential for noise/wandering complaints, prohibition on roosters, and lack of restrictions on the number of chickens on properties larger than one-half acre.

Councilmember Trapp moved to approve the ordinance, as presented, with the additional restriction that up to twelve (12) chickens will be allowed per each one-half acre property, with no restrictions on the number of chickens allowed on properties larger than one-half acre. Councilmember Fore seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

## 6. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider action on a proposal to initiate the proceedings necessary to impose a moratorium on the issuance of building permits, business licenses, conditional use permits, and certificates of occupancy to be used for the construction or operation of vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts within any residentially zoned area within the city limits of Wimberley, Texas. *(City Administrator)*

Per Council’s direction at its August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, City Administrator Ferguson presented the following proposed tentative schedule to enact the subject moratorium:

- Thursday, August 18, 2016 – Council votes to initiate the moratorium process
- Thursday, August 25, 2016 – City publishes notice of public hearings
- Monday, August 29, 2016 – Public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission
- Thursday, September 1, 2016 – Public hearing before City Council; Council considers first reading of moratorium ordinance. 90-day moratorium automatically goes into effect (moratorium temporary until Council passes ordinance on second reading).
- Monday, September 5, 2016 – City Council adopts moratorium ordinance on second reading
- Wednesday, November 30, 2016 – Expiration of 90-day moratorium

He stressed the importance of the public process and noted that applications submitted prior to enactment of the moratorium would not be subject to the moratorium.

Discussion addressed balancing of all sides regarding short-term rentals, effectiveness of a potential moratorium, divisiveness in the community, role of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and possible need to adjust scheduling of the proposed meeting dates based on Council members' availability.

City Administrator Ferguson suggested possibly setting meeting dates at Council's workshop to be held on August 23, 2016 and recommended action to move forward to initiate the moratorium process, with specific meeting dates to be determined.

Councilmember Barchfeld moved to direct staff to initiate the process to impose a 90-day moratorium on the issuance of building permits, business licenses, conditional use permits, and certificates of occupancy to be used for the construction or operation of vacation rentals and bed and breakfasts within any residentially zoned area within the city limits. Councilmember Trapp seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- B. Discuss and consider action regarding the possible addition of a second effluent storage tank for the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project to reduce the potential of effluent discharge. (*Mayor Mac McCullough*)

Mayor McCullough pulled this item from consideration at this time. No action was taken.

- C. Discuss and consider action regarding the possible development of plans for a roadside effluent irrigation system on Winter's Mill Parkway for the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project. (*Mayor Mac McCullough*)

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed estimated engineering and construction costs and Mayor McCullough favored delaying consideration of this item at this time. Brief discussion addressed right-of-way acquisition. Councilmember Fore felt this option may not be viable due to cost concerns.

Gail Pigg stated it is impossible to determine "no discharge" options until a water balance is performed, which she said was a recommendation or conclusion of the Ad Hoc Wastewater Review Committee's report. She said costs cannot be estimated until it is determined how many acres will be needed to dispose of effluent. She favored keeping this item on the table "until we have a water balance equation." City Administrator Ferguson advised that Alan Plummer Associates is currently performing a water balance. Ms. Pigg said the Ad Hoc Committee conclusions also asked for other costs related to the Blue Hole Project to be included and that has not been done. She said the Ad Hoc Committee and the RCCWA both asked for the land application area in Blue Hole to be identified and shown as phases, in addition to the existing area, as well as the soccer fields. She stated there is baseline testing that is supposed to be getting done.

Mayor McCullough stated the water balance might reduce the area and may show there is not enough water to go all the way down Winter's Mill Parkway. He agreed with Councilmember Fore that this option is too costly and favored bringing this item back for consideration at a later date. Discussion addressed incurring additional engineering costs for options that the City may not exercise, alternative proposals to minimize discharge, and cost of bid alts which require engineering and design. No motion was made and no action was taken on this item.

- D. Discuss and consider possible action on matters stemming from the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of representatives of Aqua Texas and representatives of the City of Wimberley regarding the potential provision of various wastewater services in central Wimberley. *(Place Three Councilmember Sally Trapp)*

Councilmember Trapp reported favorably on the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with Aqua Texas' President Robert Laughman and Regional Director Brian Robinson, also attended by Councilmember Barchfeld, Ad Hoc Wastewater Review Committee member John Urban, and City Administrator Ferguson. She said the meeting was a frank discussion covering the following points: a retail solution; a wholesale system; acceptance of excess treated or untreated effluent.

City Administrator Ferguson spoke on a rate offered by Aqua Texas (\$3 per 1,000 gallons) to accept untreated effluent to Aqua Texas's polishing pond and possible diversion of waste via a bypass line to Aqua Texas's line, then to its lift station behind Ace Hardware or Brookshire Brothers. Councilmember Trapp stated Aqua Texas asked to come back with some valid numbers for the retail and wholesale options, with sharing of engineering data from Plummer. City Administrator Ferguson explained that the retail option would involve giving up the central Wimberley portion of its CCN and everyone within that area would become a retail customer. He explained the wholesale option involves the City building the collection system and cost sharing of the line the crossing the creek to behind Ace Hardware, with costs estimated at \$425,000 to \$450,000, with the City's costs capped at \$250,000. A portion of the CIAC (impact) fees paid by customers would be used to cover Aqua Texas's portion of those costs. He said Aqua Texas would charge an estimated wholesale rate of \$11.73 per 1,000 gallons for five years without an increase. City Administrator Ferguson stated that the excess effluent options would not require a standby fee to send raw waste across the creek, but the City would be responsible for the full cost of crossing the creek and taking the line to Ace or Brookshire, with the same aforementioned wholesale cost. To address concerns regarding capacity, Aqua Texas said such capacity could be bought at the front end. As an alternative to bypass irrigation, spray irrigation from a tank truck or hauling to Aqua Texas's polishing pond was discussed.

Councilmember Trapp stated that Aqua Texas representatives were lovely to talk to and were there to work with us. Councilmember Barchfeld said Aqua Texas representatives were most generous in their concessions to the City and conveyed Mr. Laughman's response regarding Aqua Texas's desire to be a good neighbor and willingness to help. Councilmember Barchfeld cited a KXAN news story regarding Aqua Texas's record on pollution and noted Mr. Laughman's answer that Aqua Texas has had only a little more than 30 statewide violations in a 5-year period. Councilmember Barchfeld said his research showed that Aqua Texas had 7 violations and Aqua Utilities had 25 violations, which is in the median range of violators. He

further stated that only 2 of the violations were in Hays County and were water-related. Councilmember Barchfeld said Aqua Texas gets a lot of bad press but does a pretty good job and has put a lot of money into this valley. He found Aqua Texas very agreeable to work with and felt a follow-up meeting is needed. He offered to relinquish his seat at the table for any subsequent meeting.

Councilmember White questioned whether any of the Aqua Texas options would change the engineering on the Square. City Administrator Ferguson replied that trucking of excess effluent would not, however, there would be additional engineering costs to send raw waste to Aqua Texas, as opposed the proposed “purple pipe” option. Regarding the wholesale Aqua Texas option, City Administrator Ferguson stated that the City would build the collection system, but not the treatment plant. Under the retail option, Councilmember White asked if everything we have done so far is thrown out and City Administrator Ferguson replied affirmatively and noted the City would also have to give up part of its CCN.

Mayor McCullough spoke of the retail option, which would give up a good part of the City’s CCN, and asked City Administrator Ferguson to summarize the long, contentious and expensive process associated with the City’s acquiring its CCN. Mayor McCullough explained to the audience the purpose and value of the CCN granted to the City by TCEQ and its effect on property values and control over development. Mayor McCullough cautioned developments such as motels could not be stopped should the City give up its CCN and asked how many people would want that type of development here. He stated Aqua Texas could expand its service area and that kind of growth and development could not be stopped. Mayor McCullough found it bewildering why the City would want to easily relinquish its CCN, given its value. It was noted that Mr. Laughman of Aqua Texas recognized the CCN as the City’s “cash at the table,” as well as concerns that Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA) had expressed in the past about growth, should the City give up portions of its CCN.

Gary Callon asked why the City cannot just give up its CCN on the small area of the Square and Mayor McCullough stated he did not favor the retail option involving giving up any of the City’s CCN and questioned how the City could hold another Aqua Texas meeting with different Council members in attendance and not violate open meetings regulations. City Administrator Ferguson cautioned against holding a series of meetings with different Council members at each meeting (so-called “daisy chaining”). Councilmember Barchfeld felt a second meeting is needed and said the option to send effluent to Aqua Texas is very cost effective. Discussion addressed the preference for not discharging, consideration of sending effluent to Aqua Texas via tanker truck, and holding a second meeting focusing on sharing information with Aqua Texas to establish costs of the retail option. Councilmember Barchfeld said it makes common sense to keep talking to Aqua Texas as a back-up option if bids come in and are unaffordable. Discussion included speculation on prospective bid amounts and the City’s ability to afford the proposed wastewater system.

Councilmember Barchfeld moved to hold another meeting with Aqua Texas representatives, with the same attendees as the first meeting. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- E. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a proposal to contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants of Austin, Texas, to develop various rates and fees for the Central Wimberley Wastewater System. (*City Administrator*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 6F.

City Administrator Ferguson recommended approving a letter of engagement with Raftelis to develop preliminary rates for submission to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and explained the two-part process to build the framework for the rate calculation, including a public meeting, and the second part to re-evaluate the volumetric information to firm up costs and finalize rates. He stressed that these are user rates and that an impact fee study will be also be conducted.

Discussion addressed possible additional costs in the event more than one public meeting is scheduled and the two-step process to set and finalize rates based on current data and public involvement. It was noted that the cost of the proposed contract (not to exceed \$14,495) will be paid from the General Fund.

Councilmember White moved to approve the proposal to contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants to develop rates and fees for the Central Wimberley Wastewater System and to adjust the budget accordingly. Councilmember Barchfeld seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- F. Discuss and consider action awarding a contract for the *La Buena Vista Road Overlay Project*. (*City Administrator*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 6J.

City Administrator Ferguson presented information on bids received and noted key differences in the proposals, including reasons for disqualification of certain bids, and wide variation in asphalt costs. He recommended awarding the contract to Lone Star Site Work, based on criteria such as estimated completion date and prior work history. Discussion addressed the scope of work, amount of funds available for the project, and the bidding process.

Councilmember White moved to approve awarding the contract for the *La Buena Vista Road Overlay Project* to Lone Star Site Work. Councilmember Dussler seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- G. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing the city administrator to seek bids for the *River Road Riverbank Restoration Project*. (*City Administrator*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 6E.

City Administrator Ferguson highlighted the proposed design plans, including a cast concrete retaining wall on the most damaged section and a curb with concrete riprap on the less damaged section. He advised that funding for the repair project will come from insurance proceeds and

recommended approval. Discussion addressed the positive outcome of neighborhood meetings on project design.

Councilmember Trapp moved to approve authorizing City Administrator Ferguson to seek bids for the *River Road Riverbank Restoration Project*. Councilmember Barchfeld seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- H. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing further steps to be taken by the City of Wimberley relating to the execution of sewer easements required for the provision of wastewater service from Aqua Texas for properties on Mill Race Lane. (*Mayor Mac McCullough*)

Councilmember Trapp recused herself from the meeting at this time (8:15 p.m.).

Mayor McCullough stated that he selected Councilmember White to accompany him for a meeting with a certain Mill Race Lane property owner. Councilmember White reported on the extensive discussion at the subject meeting, which did not yield any progress toward resolution of this private property matter. Councilmember White stressed that he did not want the City in any way to get into this private property dispute, but noted the right-of-way is being held up by one individual who has been a party to an ongoing property dispute. Councilmember White felt the actions of an individual are jeopardizing the health and safety of everyone who goes into Cypress Creek, but did not know what the City could do about it, as he did not want the City to get involved in a property dispute that the courts have settled twice. Mayor McCullough agreed with Councilmember White that there is nothing the City can do to intervene in this issue and advised that they also visited with the other party involved in the property dispute to see if that party would be open to appeasement on this issue. He stated that no interest in appeasement was expressed, despite the City's efforts, which were intended to help prevent further pollution of Cypress Creek. City Administrator Ferguson reported on septic inspection report results and post-Market Days water testing data showing persistent high levels at the Cypress Creek Bridge. He said one of the challenges is that an undivided interest easement requires all property owners to sign off and agreed that this is a civil conflict between two property owners who need to come together and be neighbors.

Discussion addressed the long and intractable nature of this dispute, which is unlikely to be resolved among the parties.

Former owner of one of the properties involved in the boundary dispute, Merry Gibson, spoke on the ownership history of one of the subject properties, said this is a question between two Spanish land grant surveys, and cited Texas law regarding such surveys. Ms. Gibson named the aforementioned individual who met with Mayor McCullough and Councilmember White as someone who took her to court in a suit that was defended by her title company.

Discussion addressed concerns relating to legitimate complaints received regarding the referenced individual's Mill Race Lane property that may affect the status of his existing Wimberley Planned Development District agreement and what future action Council may wish to consider relative to that agreement.

Councilmember Trapp returned to the meeting at this time (8:37 p.m.)

- I. Discuss and consider action regarding issues relating to the development of the FY 2017 City of Wimberley Operating Budget. (*Mayor Mac McCullough*)

Mayor McCullough advised that Council has received the proposed FY 2017 City of Wimberley Operating Budget and asked for Council input. He noted there is a budget workshop planned for next Tuesday, August 23, 2016. City Administrator Ferguson summarized all funds included in the FY 2017 Budget and highlighted revenues and expenditures. Key topics included breakdowns of revenue sources, capital expenditures (such as street/drainage improvements/tree trimming/mowing), and other types of expenditures (such as social service funding/legal/administrative/Council). Increases/decreases were noted in various line items such as public safety, pass-through plan review/inspection fees, municipal court, public works, and parks. After providing a snapshot of the City's funds, City Administrator Ferguson noted the City's Budget is a balanced budget and reminded that further explanations of each line item in the Budget will be provided in Council's upcoming August 23<sup>rd</sup> workshop.

Councilmember Fore stated his understanding that Council would have input before filing of the proposed FY 2017 Operating Budget and said a review of every line item in the Budget is needed at the upcoming workshop. Mayor McCullough assured Councilmember Fore that Council can meet as often as necessary before Budget adoption. Discussion agreed to hold the aforementioned workshop on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. No vote was taken.

#### **Addendum to Agenda**

- J. Discuss and consider action regarding the possible use of an effluent storage pond for the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project to reduce the potential of effluent discharge. (*Place Two Councilmember Craig Fore*)

This item was heard after Agenda Item 6D.

Councilmember Fore proposed getting a cost estimate from the City's engineer on an approximately one-acre holding pond as another option for no discharge. As an example, he stated a 1-foot deep, 1.75-acre pond would hold 650,000 gallons and a 4-foot deep, 1-acre pond would hold 2,500,000 gallons or 1,000 days of discharge. Discussion established that this idea has been considered before and required bringing in a lot of dirt to build the pond.

Councilmember Fore moved to request a cost estimate from the City's engineer on an effluent storage pond for the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project. Councilmember Trapp seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

#### **7. City Council Reports**

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

This item was heard after Agenda Item 6I.

Councilmember Barchfeld requested consideration of re-scheduling Council's Goals and Priorities Workshop meeting set for 7:30 a.m. on Friday, August 19, 2016. Mayor McCullough did not favor re-scheduling the meeting. Councilmember White said he would be out of town on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

In response to Councilmember Trapp's request for information on upcoming board/commission meetings, City Administrator Ferguson provided anticipated meeting dates.

Councilmember Trapp requested discussion of goals attainable within the next year (as opposed to long-term goals).

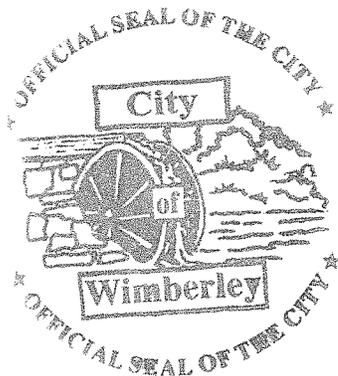
Hearing no further announcements or future agenda items, Mayor McCullough called the meeting adjourned.

**Adjournment:** Council meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Recorded by:

  
Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2016.



**APPROVED:**



**Mac McCullough, Mayor**